

REMARKS

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. In the previous application, a final Office Action was mailed July 21, 2005, rejecting the then pending claims. By this amendment, claims 1-3 and 9-14 are cancelled. Claims 15, 21 and 41 are hereby amended.

The applicant's representative, Mr. Daley-Watson, wishes to thank Examiner Mendiratta for the personal interview conducted on 19 July 2005, and the telephone conference on 9 August 2005. During the personal interview, the parties discussed the method claims, which were not elected in the previous application. During the interview, the possibility of filing a continuation application was discussed. Based in part on that interview, the present Request for Continued Examination application is concurrently being filed.

In the telephone conference, Mr. Daley-Watson discussed pursuing method or process claims in this continuation application, and the Examiner agreed to such a shift to the method/process claims in this application over the elected apparatus claims in the previous application. Further, during the personal interview and telephone conference, the Examiner requested that structure associated with the process/method be recited in the claims. In response to the Examiner's request, independent claims 15, 21, and 41 are hereby amended. If Examiner Mendiratta believes that any additional information regarding the interview or telephone conference is necessary, please let the undersigned attorney know.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

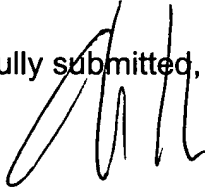
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Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 236528002US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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